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Office of the President
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Gentlemen:

In connection with a compilation of this firm's history we should like to ascertain the year or years in which two of our founding partners (Hiram Barney and William Minott Mitchell) were graduated from Union College. We believe each was graduated sometime in the early 1830's. If there is any further information you can give us from your records concerning these two gentlemen we would appreciate it very much.

A third founding partner, Benjamin F. Butler, who was born in 1795 and commenced the practice of law in Albany in 1817, may also have been graduated from Union College. We would appreciate your informing us whether or not this is so.

With many thanks for any cooperation you can extend to us in this matter,

Very truly yours,

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By *Frederick T. Shea*
A Member

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 "Democratic-Republican." On December 9, 1834, New York City, he
 Mr. Frederick T. Shea
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Dear Mr. Shea:

Butler did not graduate from Union College, but
 received an Honorary A.B. degree from that institution in 1921.

President Davidson has referred your March 17 inquiry to the
 Alumni Office. We are pleased that we can give you information
 on your firm's founding partners, Hiram H. Barney, William Minott
 Mitchell and Benjamin Franklin Butler for your history.

HIRAM H. BARNEY

should be Hiram Barney 1834

According to our records Hiram H. Barney was born in Lyden,
 Vermont on October 7, 1804, entered Union College from Ellisburg,
 N.Y., and graduated in 1830 with an A.B. degree, and Phi Beta
 Kappa. He became a teacher, studied law and was admitted to the
 bar. Principal of Griffith Academy, Springville, N.Y., 1831-33;
 of Union Lit. Society, Belleville, N.Y., 1834-1836; of Aurora
 Academy, East Aurora, N.Y., 1838-47; Superintendent Cincinnati,
 Ohio, High School 1847-53; Superintendent Public Schools, Circle-
 ville, O., 1862-69; School Commissioner, State of Ohio 1853-57;
 President of Ohio State Teachers' Assoc., 1849-50; an organizer
 of the American Assoc. for the Advancement of Education at
 Philadelphia, Dec. 17, 1849; Member of its Executive Committee
 until 1854. Author of numerous important papers published in
 "Proceedings of Ohio State Teachers' Assoc.," and of lectures, etc.,
 delivered before Teachers' Institutes and Associations in Ohio.
 Mr. Barney died in Wyoming, Ohio, August 25, 1886, according to
 information furnished by his son, Roderick D. Barney, reference
 Barney (Barney-Hosmer), W. F. Adams, Springfield, Mass. 1912.
 Mr. Barney married Miss Mary Ann Elliot in August 6, 1831.
 They had three children- Mary Louisa (b. Dec. 1, 1832), Roderick
 (b. Nov. 6, 1835) and Howard (b. Sept. 10, 1840). According to
 the Sigma Phi catalogue 1891 he was a member of that fraternity.

WILLIAM MINOT MITCHELL

Mr. Mitchell of White Plains, N.Y., was born in New Canaan,
 Conn., May 29, 1811 and graduated from Union College with an A.B.
 degree in the Class of 1830, and was a member of the Philomathean
 Society. He practiced law in New York City during his life; was
 Public Administrator of New York City and a lawyer of recognized

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BUTLER

Mr. Butler did not graduate from Union College, but received an Honorary A.M. degree from that institution in 1821. He also received an Honorary LL.D. degree from Rutgers in 1834. A great deal more information on Benjamin Butler is given on the sheets we are enclosing.

We trust this information will be of help to you in compiling your firm's history.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Swanker,
Director of Alumni Relations.

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1830

WILLIAM MINOTT MITCHELL

MARRIED: In New York, on the 9th inst. by the Rev.
J. Green, of Bedford, Wm. Minott~~le~~ Mitchell, esq.,
of White Plains, to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of
William Silliman, esq., of the former place.

Albany Argus
Dec. 15, 1834.

Feb. 7, '31
WM. M. MITCHELL, '30,

was born at New Canaan, Conn., May 29th, 1811. He practiced law in New York city during his life. He was Public Administrator of New York city and a lawyer of recognized ability and of great promise. His political sentiments were "Democratic-Republican." He died suddenly, March 15th, 1849, in New York city, leaving a family of several children.

See Memorandum 1889-90

WILLIAM M. MITCHELL, 1830, of White Plains, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.
Philomathean Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1849)

William Minot Mitchell AB. 1830

William Minat Mitchell ¹⁸³⁰ F.B.